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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am an original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled VEHICLE SAFETY SYSTEM AND METHOD OF OPERATION OF SAME, the specification of which is filed herewith.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56 (a).

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of United States Provisional Application No. 60/101,487, filed September 23, 1998; United States Provisional Application No. 60/105,245, filed October 22, 1998; and United States Provisional Application No. 60/105,595, filed October 26, 1998.

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